

**Question for written answer E-003684/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Membership status of AKP within the EPP

The Turkish governing AKP party led by Recep Tayyip Erdogan has observer status within the EPP.

1. On what legal basis are European parties authorised to offer membership to parties from non-European or non-EU countries?
2. Is the AKP receiving EU assistance in terms of funding or staff? What percentage of European party funding is received by the AKP or other political groups in Turkey?